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25X1 1. Location:

The new-constructed automobile factory in Kutaisi (42°42' N/42° 26' E), Georgian SSR, is about 5 km west of the town center, immediately north of the civilian airfield from which it is separated by only a road and a narrow canal. For location see Annex 1.

2. Plant layout:

- a. The factory is an extensive newly constructed plant, all the work-shops of which were erected after 1945 and are partially still under construction. Construction of dwelling-houses for the workers of the plant was especially intensified in 1949. These houses are small isolated ones as well as large-size dwelling-blocks, most of them being constructed on the area between a technical school and the plant area, some on both sides of the access roads to the plant.
- b. On the area of the new automobile factory were left some foundation walls of a plant of the ceramic industry which was previously to be constructed there. The main building of the plant is a very large workshop which was still under construction in late 1949. The new foundry had just been furnished and equipped. The whole layout is apparently based on a large-scale plan.
- c. Fifty to sixty percent of the machines came from the Orel factory in Brandenburg. Many Soviet machines are also being set up which are imitations of American or German ones. According to the work to be done at the conveyor belt, they were "lined up" transversely to the longitudinal direction of the workshop. Each of these "lines" consisted of 8 to 12 machines, according to the type of the machines.
- d. Electricity was supplied from outside via a transformer station.
- e. A railroad spur track is available which enters the plant from the northwest.

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For sketch of the plant see Annex 2.

1. The Technical School was, within the range of the construction program of the automobile factory, erected somewhat north of the main road.

3. Work force:

Out of about 4,500 workers presently employed only some 100 are engaged in production. All the other workers, including 150 P.s., with a few exceptions, are constructing the plant and the settlements. They work one shift.

4. Production:

Experimental production of water pumps, oil pumps, gasoline pumps, tipping devices, valves and other small parts was started in the fall of 1949. Construction of motors was allegedly scheduled to be started in February 1950; that of trucks late in 1950.

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From previous information it was known that a new automobile factory was under construction in Kutaisi. However, this information was incomplete and the sketches of the plant-layout very schematic. This report, for the first time, indicates the exact location of the plant in the town and contains a more detailed description of the state of construction, the plant-layout and the type of construction.

25X1 c. The data on the location are confirmed [redacted] The
25X1 description of the plant-layout is considered to be correct as

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2 Annexes: New Automobile Plant in Kutaisi.

Legend to Annex 1:

- a. Area of the new automobile plant
1. Civil airfield with
 - 1 Runway
 - 2 Administrative building
 - 3 Aircraft hangar
4. Nursery
5. Settlements for automobile plant workers
6. Higher technical school of the automobile plant

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- F. Military airfield with
 - 1 Runway
 - 2 Maintenance platoon
 - 3 Test stand for motors
 - 4 Aircraft repairshop
 - 5 Air force garrison
 - 6 Dwelling-houses
- G. P.O. Camp 7818/1
- H. Air force barracks
- I. Houses under construction
- K. New water main

Legend to Annex 2:

1. Main workshop for the construction of motors, gears, boilies and frames. Steel-constructed roof resting on iron-concrete pillars, 1,800 x 200 x 8 meters, 9 meters high at the skylights. The southern front of the building consists of a solid, three-story office house. Assembly line production is prepared. The vehicles ready for service leave the line on the eastern side of the shop. Two longitudinal roads cross the shop.
2. Tools and appliances workshop, 900 x 180 meters. Still under construction in the fall of 1949. Two stories on the northern side of this building will contain offices. The offices of the board of management are installed at the northwestern corner.
3. Building under construction, presumably boilerhouse
4. Two workshops for manufacturing steel structures for shops and roofs
5. Carages
6. Water tower
7. Former transformer station
8. Canal
9. Warehouses, part of them still under construction
10. Storage yard for constructing material
11. Workshop under construction, 230 x 150 meters. Only the external walls had been erected by October 1949.
12. New foundry, 230 x 180 meters. The roof structure was fitted in October 1949.
- 12a. Extension for offices of the new foundry

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13. Experimental and repair foundry, 180 x 180 meters, with a
a Office section
14. Drop forge with press, 230 x 180 meters, being furnished
and equipped in the Fall of 1949, with
a Office section
15. Boarding school for apprentices
16. Guard house and main entrance
17. Guardhouse and side entrance
18. Water canal
19. Area of civil airfield
20. Transformer station

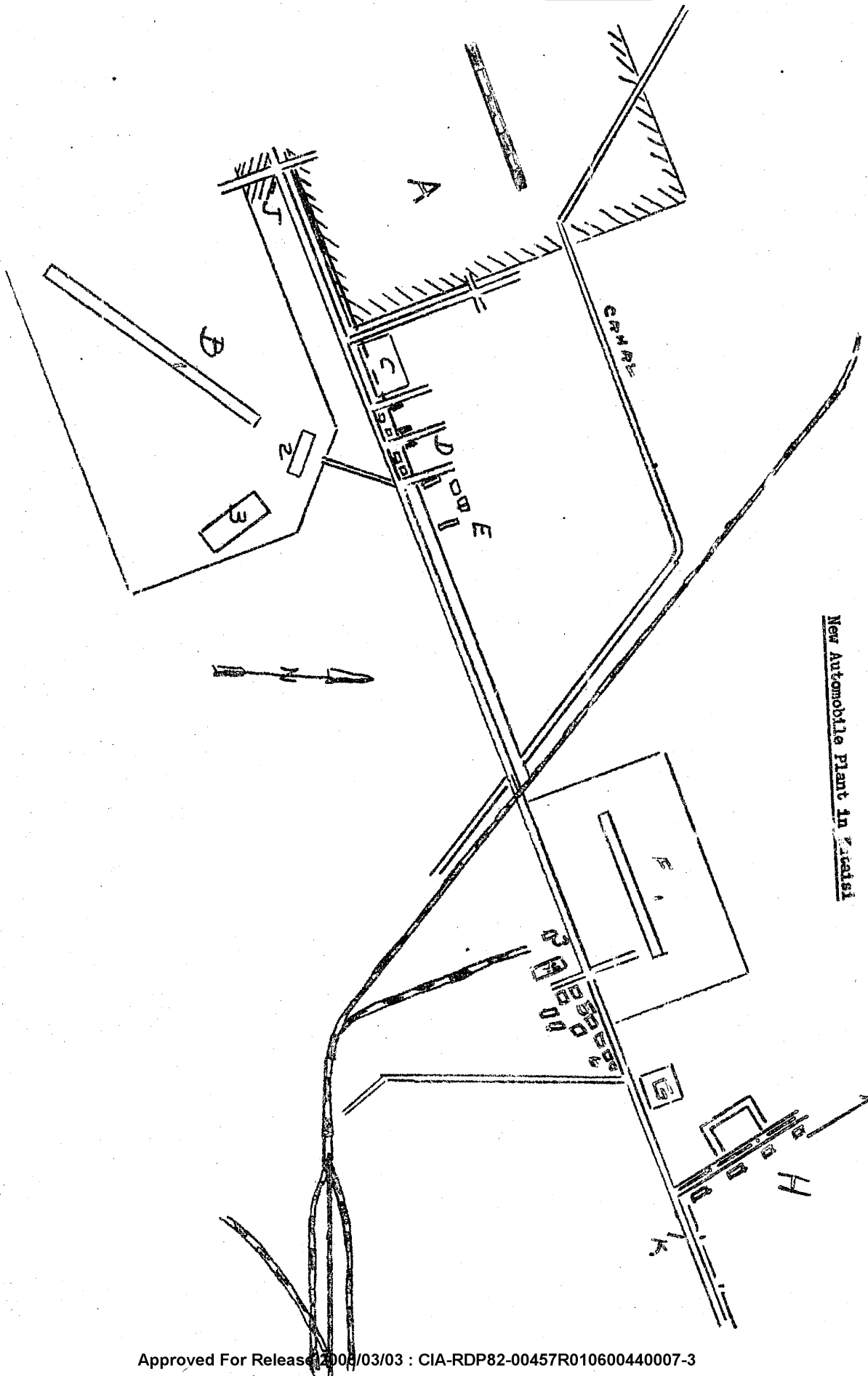
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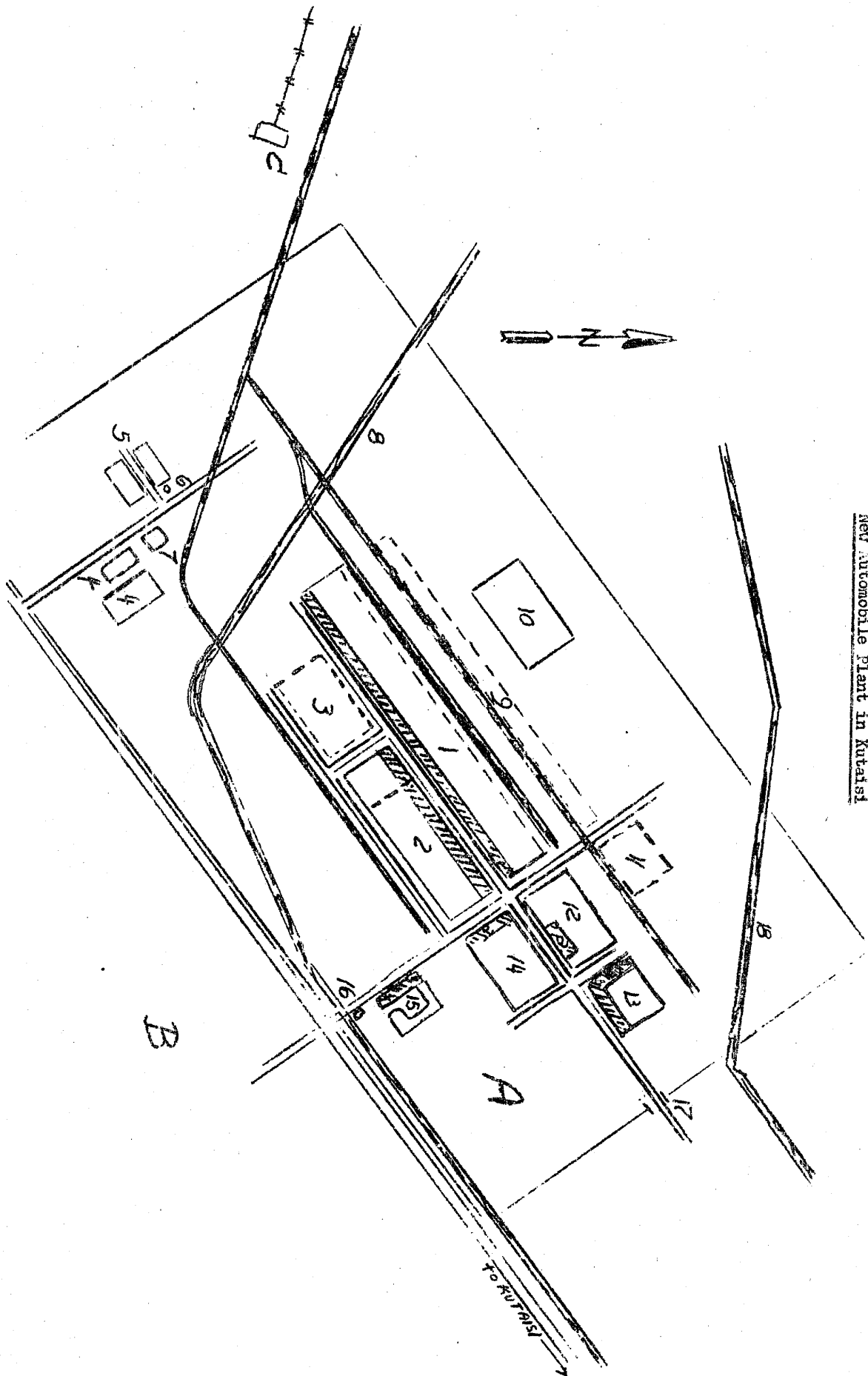
Annex 1

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Annex 2



New Automobile Plant in Kutaisi